

**To:** Willis-Hilbrich, Sara[Willis-Hilbrich.Sara@epa.gov]  
**From:** Southerland, Elizabeth  
**Sent:** Thur 1/29/2015 12:54:07 PM  
**Subject:** Fwd: Please reject the state of Wyoming's recent downgrade of water quality standards

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** <jratner@wyoming.com>  
**Date:** January 28, 2015 at 6:26:09 PM EST  
**To:** <southerland.elizabeth@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** Please reject the state of Wyoming's recent downgrade of water quality standards  
**Reply-To:** <jratner@wyoming.com>

Dear Dr. Southerland:

I write to respectfully ask the EPA to reject the state of Wyoming's August 20th "Categorical Re-designation of Streams from Primary Contact Recreation to Secondary Contact Recreation."

Please communicate to the state of Wyoming that a successful rule will be one that incorporates feedback from a diversity of recreational users, and one that is much more targeted and limited in terms of the streams that will be "downgraded."

As part of my job I work out on public lands across the state and spend about 100 nights a year in a tent. I use a wide range of the downgraded streams for what would be called 'primary contact'.

In addition, I run the only non-governmental water quality monitoring program in the state of Wyoming and one of the parameters I monitor is e. coli so I know what e.coli levels are and often see CFU's below the secondary contact standard but well above the primary contact standard of 126 CFU and this is a major concern for me.

Sincerely,

Jonathan Ratner

**Ex. 6 - Personal Privacy**